

# The Best Missouri News

## Value of Kansas City's Property.

A report by the comptroller of Kansas City, Mo., contains a statement showing the value of the city property, such as the parks, water works, public buildings, schoolhouses and fire equipment. The total valuation, as estimated by the comptroller, is \$14,420,343.38. The parks are valued at \$4,000,000 and the waterworks at \$5,033,000. The fire department, with its equipment and buildings, is estimated to be worth \$305,000. The school property is valued at \$3,000,000. The city's outstanding indebtedness, after deducting cash and bonds held in the interest and sinking funds, is \$3,568,065.01. This includes \$500,000 of water bonds issued in January, leaving \$775,000 of the amount of bonds voted that has not yet been sold.

## Dr. Jesse Favors Agriculturists.

President Jesse, of Missouri university, thinks that young men should take up agriculture in preference, to law or medicine. Recently he said: "Unless a boy has a deep-seated preference for some profession it does not seem to me wise for him to ignore the great opportunities that agriculture offers, whether he was born in the country or in the city. In my opinion no other occupation offers so rich rewards, all things considered, as agriculture offers those who are willing to train themselves for it as earnestly as they would train themselves for law or medicine."

## Slept in Missouri Building.

A tall Missourian entered the Missouri building at the fair and after looking about him for a few minutes sat down on a sofa. Evidently the countryman had walked far and was tired. The large, heavily cushioned sofa felt comfortable. Then, to the amazement of a number of ladies present, he calmly removed his shoes and placed them under the sofa. With equal composure he carefully placed his valise on the sofa, and, curling himself up, was soon asleep.

## Chillicothe Loses the Division.

The committee of business men who went to Chicago to confer with President Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, in an effort to have the order providing for the removal of the Milwaukee division from Chillicothe to Laredo rescinded, failed in their purpose. President Earling said that it would take more additional business than Chillicothe could furnish to compensate the company for allowing the division to remain there.

## Normal Commencement.

The thirty-fourth annual commencement exercises of the Second District State Normal school were held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Warrensburg. Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of Nebraska university, preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning. Dr. J. M. Greenwood, superintendent of the public schools of Kansas City, delivered an address Monday night. There are 68 graduates.

## To Compete With Standard Oil.

Agents of the Penn Oil & Supply company, of Ottumwa closed a deal at Chillicothe for the purchase of land from the Wabash Railroad company upon which they will erect a large building and tanks. The Penn company is one of the few that have withstood the competition of the Standard people. It handles lubricating and illuminating oils.

## To Send Accused to Asylum.

The attorneys for Robert Kearney, a rich livery man and grandson of Gen. Phil Kearney of Mexican and civil war fame, expects to secure his acquittal from a charge of highway robbery by having James Troutman, a pal of Kearney's, declared insane. Troutman confesses partaking in robbery and names Kearney as his associate.

## Missouri Normal Wins.

Missouri won over Nebraska in the annual debate at Kirksville between the state normal schools of Kirksville and Peru, Neb., on the question, "Resolved, That the labor unions, in their practical operations, are antagonistic to the general welfare." Missouri had the negative.

## Shipped in 2,448,000 Eggs.

A Greenfield man named Wilkerson paid out \$20,000 during the month of April for eggs, butter and poultry and the didn't spend a nickel of it outside of Greene county. He shipped 17 carloads of eggs or a total of 2,448,000.

## Worth of Telephone in a Store.

The firm of Porter & Porter in Carrollton has sued the Missouri Valley Telephone company for \$10,000 for removing a telephone from their store without proper cause.

## A Pioneer Drops Dead.

W. J. Scarbrough, a pioneer resident of Vernon county, dropped dead from his chair after eating a meal in Nevada.

## Catholic Priest to Pay Costs.

After being on the Livingston county circuit court docket for 25 years, the Menke will case was put out of litigation. Judge Alexander made an order approving the report of the receiver, S. F. Farrar, of Braymer, and discharging him from further service. In 1879, Illet Tobien died in Caldwell county, possessed of a farm of 1,040 acres. His will bequeathed all of his estate to his wife during her lifetime, after which it was to be divided equally between her heirs and the Lexington Catholic church. The heirs of Mrs. Tobien contested the will and it was carried through the supreme court twice on the merits. Subsequently, it was taken twice more to the supreme court and once to the Kansas City court of appeals on technicalities. The final outcome was that the church received one-fourth of the estate. The case which has just been settled was the Rev. Father J. J. Lilly, formerly of Kansas City, but now of Springfield, Mo., and others against Maria T. Menke, of Cincinnati, to decide who should pay certain costs in the original case. In the meantime the land involved, valued at \$40,000, has been in the hands of the receiver. The court found judgment against the plaintiff, the Rev. Father Lilly, causing the interests he represented to lose \$4,200 in costs.

## Dabbs Wants a Long Term.

The case of Judge Hugh Dabbs, against whom Attorney General Crow has instituted ouster proceedings, was argued before the supreme court and submitted and ten days given the attorney general to file brief. This is the case to determine the tenure of Judge Dabbs's term. He was filling the office of circuit judge of Jasper county by appointment of the governor, and in the late election was defeated by Judge Redfern, who died the following day without qualifying. Judge Dabbs contends that he is entitled to the office until the election of 1908, and that his term does not expire in 1904.

## Must Consider the Senators.

A recent dispatch from Jefferson City said one obstacle lies in the path of Folk partisans who expect offices under the regime of the St. Louis prosecutor, should he be elected governor, and that is confirmation by the senate, and the 17 holdover members of that body, almost to a man, can be relied upon to thwart the fulfillment of some of the promises and pledges which it is said are now being made.

## To Be Guests of Gov. Dockery.

Mrs. Mary Phillips Montgomery, of Oregon, daughter of the late Missouri governor, John S. Phelps, who presided over the executive mansion during her father's term of office, a member of the lady board of managers of the world's fair, and Mrs. Daniel Manning, of New York, president of the board, will be guests of Gov. Dockery and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morrow, at the mansion in Jefferson City, June 1.

## Columbia Bond Case Set for June 2.

The supreme court set the hearing of the case of the state ex rel. City of Columbia against the state auditor, Albert O. Allen, for hearing June 2. This is a mandamus proceeding to compel the state auditor to register \$100,000 bonds voted recently by Columbia to purchase the electric light and water plants. The state auditor contends that the bonds were issued illegally.

## Two Suits Against Burlington.

Carl Wiles, a former section foreman on the Hannibal & St. Joseph, has brought suit against the Burlington for \$15,000 damages for injuries sustained while riding on a handcar. Charles B. Martin, of Shelby county, has brought suit against the same road for \$1516 damages by reason of the killing of 13 mules by a passenger train.

## Work Begun on Sedalia Shops.

Vice President and General Manager Russell Harding, of the Missouri Pacific Railway company awarded the contract for grading the site for the company's new shops at Sedalia to Henry Dalhoff, who has begun grading. Work will soon begin on the building, which is expected to be completed by March 1, 1905.

## Wilson Wins in Holt County.

At the Holt county convention Senator Francis Wilson, of Platte City, was permitted to name nine delegates to the congressional convention to be held in St. Joseph. It was a hard fought contest between Wilson and Congressman Cochran. The key to the congressional fight now lies in Nodaway county. Buchanan county is conceded to Cochran.

## Historic Building Torn Away.

A building with a history is being torn down at Boonville. It was a brick structure erected seventy years ago on the corner of Morgan and Main streets from where the southwest trail from Boonville started and wound its way more than 200 miles in a southwesterly direction until it reached Springfield.

## MISER'S MONEY MILDEWS.

Eccentric Pennsylvanian Hides Notes in Damp Place—Sent to Washington to Be Replaced.

So securely did Abram Westbrook, an eccentric miser of Fasset, Pa., hide away his savings that it has been necessary to send the old bank bills to the treasury department at Washington to have them redeemed, as they were worthless for passage when discovered.

Westbrook, who was recognized as one of the strangest and most eccentric men of his section, was recently found dead in bed in his old home. Although the old man was in apparent poverty, it was for years believed that he had some money secreted, the hiding of which he would not divulge. In vain did his friends endeavor to induce him to tell what he had done with a quantity he was known to have possessed.

Finally when Westbrook was taken sick he answered the inquiry as to where his funds were by directing his questioners to a place in the cellar wall where \$700 in bills were found. They had been so long hidden as to become one compact mass, and were covered with mildew. The dampness had such an effect upon them that it was impossible to straighten them out and separate them, and they were sent to Washington after the old man's death for redemption.

## WILL AID COTTON GROWING.

Government Giving Impetus to Industry by Furnishing Sea Island Seed to Porto Ricans.

The United States government, through its agricultural experiment station at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, has determined to encourage the growing of Sea Island cotton in the new possession.

Special Agent Mark D. Gardener is sending out notices that he has received a quantity of Sea Island cotton seed from Edisto Island, South Carolina, and that he will supply free not to exceed four pounds each to planters and farmers who wish to experiment with the seed.

The seed was bought and forwarded to Porto Rico by the office of industrial plants in the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., and it is only requested that every planter or farmer making experiments shall inform the Porto Rico station of the results and send a sample of the product for transmission to Washington.

Mr. Gardener's offer is accompanied by a circular letter from President R. M. Walker, of the Walker Cotton and Industrial company, San Juan, in which Mr. Walker tells in detail how to obtain the best possible results from Sea Island cotton planting in Porto Rico. Mr. Walker pleads strongly for a rigid quarantine against the Mexican cotton boll weevil and the destruction of all seed except the Sea Island variety.

## Pigskin Grafted on Woman.

By using the skin of a pig two months old the life of Mary Grant, a colored woman of Richmond, Va., has been saved. Some weeks ago the woman was fearfully burned about the body by the explosion of a lamp. Much of her skin was destroyed, and could not be replaced by nature. Efforts were made to get her relatives to supply the necessary cuticle for grafting, but they objected. The physician in charge then procured a young white pig, which was chloroformed, and enough of the necessary hide removed and grafted on the woman.

## BAD DREAMS

Indicate Improper Diet, Usually Due to Coffee.

One of the common symptoms of coffee poisoning is the bad dreams that spoil what should be restful sleep. A man who found the reason says:

"Formerly I was a slave to coffee. I was like a morphia fiend, could not sleep at night, would roll and toss in my bed and when I did get to sleep was disturbed by dreams and hobboblins, would wake up with headaches and feel bad all day, so nervous I could not attend to business. My writing looked like bird tracks, I had sour belchings from the stomach, indigestion, heartburn and palpitation of the heart, constipation, irregularity of the kidneys, etc.

"Indeed, I began to feel I had all the troubles that human flesh could suffer, but when a friend advised me to leave off coffee I felt as if he had insulted me. I could not bear the idea, it had such a hold on me and I refused to believe it the cause.

"But it turned out that no advice was ever given at a more needed time, for I finally consented to try Postum, and with the going of coffee and the coming of Postum all my troubles have gone and health has returned. I eat and sleep well now, nerves steadied down and I write a fair hand (as you can see), can attend to business again and rejoice that I am free from the monster Coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

## Surprised Her.

A glib-tongued fakir with a wagon load of bulbs sold out his entire stock in trade in short order the other day.

"Here y'are, gente!" He was announcing genuine Bermuda Allum cepa bulbs. "They'll grow into the most useful flower known to the American household; fragrant and rich perfume can be made out of the flowers for them that likes that kind. They'll grow anywhere inside the house or out in the garden. Git 'em now an' surprise your wife. Ten cents—three for a quarter!"

One confiding soul bought a half dollar's worth, and his wife surprised him.

"Onions—just onions! Put them in the cellar," she said. "Six for a half dollar! Please don't go out without a guardian when you buy flowers hereafter!"—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## West Virginia Aroused.

Roberts, W. Va., May 16.—Many interesting discoveries are being made and many wonderful cures reported recently, but nothing has been seen or heard of in this state to equal the wonderful work of a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills. The people are very enthusiastic about it, for it seems that there is no case that this wonderful medicine cannot cure.

Among many cases reported that of Mr. John J. Ash, of this place, is conspicuous for its completeness. Mr. Ash was a great sufferer with kidney trouble. He was gradually growing worse till at the last he was forced to get up three or four times every night. He had tried many medicines without any good result, but at last he found the right one in Dodd's Kidney Pills. He says: "The very first box of Dodd's Kidney Pills did me more good than anything I took in my life."

Now Mr. Ash is well and can sleep all night as comfortably as he ever could.

## Had to Come Across.

Guest—Waiter, bring me a tip-top dinner. You know what that means, don't you?

Waiter—Yes, sah. It's one that you top off with a tip.—The Smart Set.

## Could You Use Any Kind of a Sewing Machine at Any Price?

If there is any price so low, any offer so liberal that you would think of accepting on trial a new high grade, drop cabinet or upright Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, Standard, White or New Home Sewing Machine, cut out and return this notice, and you will receive by return mail, postpaid, free of cost, the handsomest sewing machine catalogue ever published. It will name you prices on the Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, White, Standard and New Home sewing machines that will surprise you; we will make you a new and attractive proposition, a sewing machine offer that will astonish you.

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Jersey applejack is said to prevent hydrophobia and cause "snakes." The economic and moral status of the fluid is thus open to debate.—N. Y. World.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. P. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Man is a harp and not a hand organ.—Chicago Tribune.



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## BEGGS' BLOOD PURIFIER

CURES catarrh of the stomach.



Miss Alice M. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., tells how woman's monthly suffering may be permanently relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have never before given my endorsement for any medicine, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has added so much to my life and happiness that I feel like making an exception in this case. For two years every month I would have two days of severe pain, and could find no relief, but one day when visiting a friend I ran across Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,—she had used it with the best results and advised me to try it. I found that it worked wonders with me; I now experience no pain, and only had to use a few bottles to bring about this wonderful change. I use it occasionally now when I am exceptionally tired or worn out."—Miss ALICE M. SMITH, 804 Third Ave., South Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman Executive Committee, Minneapolis Study Club. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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## "KATY"

ST. LOUIS, MO.